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<u>ARMED ROBBERY – CUNNINGHAM'S JOURNAL</u>

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on February 15, 2018, Kearney Police officers were dispatched to Cunningham's Journal, 15 West 23rd Street, in downtown Kearney, in response to an armed robbery which had just occurred. A man wearing a ski mask entered the business after closing and confronted a female employee at gunpoint and demanded money. The suspect departed on foot with cash and possibly a bottle of alcohol.

A description of the suspect was broadcast to officers, and at approximately 2:14 a.m., a sergeant with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office observed the suspect matching the description, walking in the area of 31st Street and 2nd Avenue. This 21-year old male was arrested without incident for Robbery, Burglary, Use of a firearm to commit a felony, possession of burglar tools, and carrying a concealed weapon. The suspect's name is Benjamin Luethke of Kearney. There were no injuries reported during this incident.

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